

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

1. The DNR want people to volunteer to help. This is a good thing. They also say the horsemen and women do not pay their way. But the horsemen and women build camps, maintain them and the trails at no cost to the DNR. They have done this for years. (I ask how can people trust the DNR when they operate in this manner?)
 2. The DNR allows volunteers to renovate camps and then say "we want to move the camp." Is this right?
 3. The DNR and the NRC on numerous occasions in 2009, 2010 and in 2011 said there had been an audit done in the Pigeon River State Forest. Then at the February NRC Meeting when asked several times to produce this audit, Director Stokes admitted to Senator Casperson that an audit had not been done. It was only a pre-audit. (Where is their honesty?)
 4. The \$24 million you talk about is always phrased, we might lose, we could lose, or it could jeopardize the PR-DJ moneys
- According to the Fish and Wildlife rules Horseback riding is allowable.

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act and Equestrian Use of Land.

Equestrian presence and use of land purchased or maintained with Pittman-Robertson monies will not violate the grant stipulations and will not cause the loss of funding from this grant source.

Section 21.5 B of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act says:

States may allow recreational activities and related facilities that are not fish or wildlife-dependent (e.g. bicycling, swimming, rock climbing, kennels, **stables, horseback riding**) if they determine that the activities will not interfere with the purpose for which they acquired, developed, or are managing the land."

5. How can anyone make a decision about trail riding problems if they never go out in the field and look to see what is happening?
6. The DNR put \$80,000.00 plus in improvements in a people camp that made around \$9,000.00 and the horse camp the same year made around \$14,000.00. They then restricted the places available to ride. Is this right?
7. The meetings the DNR has held reviewing the public land areas where horseback riding has not been allowed, the outcome had been determined prior to the public meeting, so why have the meetings?
8. The committees formed are always overloaded with DNR people and with people that will agree with DNR from the start.
9. I believe that ALL OF THIS IS TIED TO AGENDA 21. Just to take over the land and keep people out of the forest.
10. I also believe that all of the commissions are just a stall tactic.
11. They are supposed to be caretakers of the peoples land. Not DICTATORS!
12. There are more horse clubs than Alpena and the MTRA.

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